WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A combustion control device comprising clock means for clocking a predetermined time from a point of time at which a microcomputer starts an ignition sequence of opening an on-off valve for supplying a gas to a gas burner and operating an ignition plug, and provided with safety means for detecting an ignited state of the gas burner at a point of time at which said clock means clocks the predetermined time and compulsorily closing the on-off valve when the gas burner is not in the ignited state, separately from the microcomputer,

wherein the microcomputer detects an opening and closing state of the on-off valve as a result of compulsorily operating the safety means to perform an operation check of the safety means, before operating the ignition sequence.

- 15 2. The combustion control device according to claim 1, wherein when the safety means is compulsorily operated, the time clocked by said clock means is shortened.
 - 3. The combustion control device according to claim 2,

wherein said clock means is constituted to contain a resistor so that the clocking time becomes shorter as a resistance value of this resistor becomes smaller, and when the safety means is compulsorily operated, this resistor is short-circuited, or this resistor is changed to a resistor with a smaller resistance value, whereby the clocked time is shortened.

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4. The combustion control device according to claim 1,

wherein the on-off valve is opened and closed by a relay, and a transistor turned on and off by the microcomputer and a transistor turned on and off by the safety means are connected in series to a relay coil of this relay.

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5. The combustion control device according to claim 2, wherein the on-off valve is opened and closed by a relay, and a

transistor turned on and off by the microcomputer and a transistor turned on and off by the safety means are connected in series to a relay coil of this relay.

6. The combustion control device according to claim 3,

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wherein the on-off valve is opened and closed by a relay, and a transistor turned on and off by the microcomputer and a transistor turned on and off by the safety means are connected in series to a relay coil of this relay.

- 7. The combustion control device according to claim 1, further 10 comprising:
 - a thermocouple for detecting the ignited state of the gas burner, which is placed in a vicinity of the gas burner.
- 8. The combustion control device according to claim 2, further comprising:

a thermocouple for detecting the ignited state of the gas burner, which is placed in a vicinity of the gas burner.

- 9. The combustion control device according to claim 3, further 20 comprising:
 - a thermocouple for detecting the ignited state of the gas burner, which is placed in a vicinity of the gas burner.
- 10. The combustion control device according to claim 4, further comprising:
 - a thermocouple for detecting the ignited state of the gas burner, which is placed in a vicinity of the gas burner.
- 11. The combustion control device according to claim 5, further comprising:
 - a thermocouple for detecting the ignited state of the gas burner, which is placed in a vicinity of the gas burner.

12. The combustion control device according to claim 6, further comprising:

a thermocouple for detecting the ignited state of the gas burner, which is placed in a vicinity of the gas burner.

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